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REPLY BRIEF

Dear Sir:

This reply Brief is in response to the Examiner's answer dated August 6, 2003.

In the Examiner's answer, the Examiner refers to a "Jepson style" claim as being on Appeal. The claim on Appeal is not a Jepson claim.

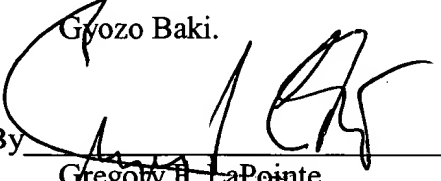
Unfortunately, the claim attached to Appellants Appeal Brief was not the current claim in the case which is on appeal. Accordingly, Appellant submits with this Reply Brief a substitute Appendix A in triplicate which should replace the Appendix A originally attached to Appellants Appeal Brief.

The undersigned apologizes for the error; however, the error does not effect the arguments presented in Appellants Appeal Brief and Appellant reiterates and stands by those arguments.

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SUBSTITUTE APPENDIX A

5. Valve battery cartridge used for mixing cold water and warm water, comprises two discs (5,6) arranged one above the other to form a plane sealing together, wherein the lower disc (6) is a stationary inlet disc and the upper disc (5) is a control disc which is displaceable and rotatable on the inlet disc; where the control disc (5) is in mechanical connection with a driving arm (1) pivoted in a lever holder (2) through a ceramic moving element (4), the lever holder (2) is rotatably arranged in a cartridge casing (3), the base (9) of the cartridge casing (3) is formed with a connection element (14) for receiving an interchangeable insertion piece (10), wherein an opening for receiving the interchangeable insertion piece in the connection element is formed in a direction which is substantially parallel with a longitudinal axis of the cartridge, wherein the connection element (14) in the base (9) of the cartridge casing (3) receives the interchangeable insertion piece (10) which enables connection between connection ducts (13) in a valve battery body (12) and inlet openings, and wherein a longitudinal axis of the interchangeable insertion piece is substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the cartridge in the base (9) and the base (9) is provided with seal means (11) insulating the connection element from an inner space of the valve battery body (12).